May 24, 1967

Mr. William R. Martin, attorney
International Trade Mart Building
New Orleans, Louisiana 70113

Dear Mr. Martin:

This is to advise that in my opinion I am being denied the lawful right, as a prisoner awaiting outcome of appeal, from adequately preparing a Memorandum In Support of my petition for habeas corpus, and that I do not feel I can submit a proper petition without attaching a lengthy supporting memorandum to it.

Whether or not the administrative policy responsible for this situation is itself in violation of the law, is, of course, a matter for the courts to decide. I can only point out that such policy has the effect of abrogating the right aforementioned and my right of privileged communication with the court. In the latter respect, I'm sure you can understand there are certain aspects of my case which I prefer not to become general knowledge around this institution, at least not yet, but which must necessarily be raised to support my petition.

I would ask that you contact Mr. Nicholas, like you did before, and request authorization to visit me under the conditions arranged previously (A promise not to speak.) Request that I be allowed to present my hand-written petition and supporting memorandum to you for your perusal and suggestion, and that you be permitted to take them with you in order to have them typed up.

If Mr. Nicholas wishes to read them himself, that is alright with me as long as it is done in your presence. In fact, it might be a good idea to have them notarized.

I cannot emphasize enough how pertinent and vital this matter is to all concerned, because in these documents I shall have listed facts that can be substantiated by witnesses and official records, and, I shall be willing to testify under oath concerning

anything cited or alleged therein.

If these arrangements cannot be made to your satisfaction, then I would suggest you ask the proper authorities to initiate court action in my behalf.

In either event, I shall appreciate an early advisement regarding your intentions, if any, to alleviate my predicament.

Also, I might advise that I have terminated correspondence with my sister Deanna & don't want her to be dragged into this mess inadvertently. I'm certain you will understand why I had to do so.

Richard C. Hazell
A-16606-H

P. O. Box No. 4000
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

SPRINGFIELD
MAY 25
PM
1967
MO.

POSTAGE AND FEES PAID
FDP

TO Mr. William M. Wexler, Attorney at Law
Internal Revenue Building
New Orleans, Louisiana
70113

Dist Attorney's Off
2700 Tulane Ave
70119

28